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(Continued.)

They found Natalie beside herself with anxiety for their safety, and an hour later Trevor came in, soaked to the skin. He was very tired, and his face was haggard.

"Well, she went out," he said. "I saw a million dollars swallowed up in that sea."

They tried to comfort him, but the collapse of his work had left him dazed.

"Heavens! I didn't think it could blow like this, and it isn't over yet. The town is flat."

"I'm sorry. You understand I sympathize," said Murray, and the engineer nodded.

"You told me it blew here, and I thought I knew what you meant, but nothing could withstand those rollers."

"Nothing."

"You'll go east and see our people. I suppose."

"At once."

"Tell them that you saw. They'll never understand from my reports. They're good people. If there's anything I can do."

O'Neill took his hand warmly.

Two days later Murray bade the girls goodbye and left, traveling light. They remained in Kyak so that Eliza might complete her investigations.

Of all those who suffered by the storm Curtis Gordon took his misfortune hardest. This had been a black season for him indeed. Beginning with O'Neill's rivalry, everything had gone against him. He had dropped his coal interests at Kyak in favor of the copper mine because they failed to yield quick profits. Then he had learned that the mine was valueless and realized that it could not serve him much longer as a means of raising funds.

Still, he had trusted that by taking a vigorous part in the railroad struggle he would be able either to recoup his fortunes or at least to effect a compromise in the shadow of which his fiasco at Hope would be forgotten. As yet the truth about Hope Consolidated was not generally known to his stockholders, but a certain restlessness among them had become troublesome. The strain of money had diminished alarmingly, and it was largely because of this that he had bought the McDermott right of way and moved to Kyak, and now just as he had his affairs in

shape for another and a greater campaign of stock notation the storm had come to ruin him.

The bitterest element in his defeat was the realization that O'Neill, who had bested him at every turn, was destined to profit by the very blow which crushed him. Defeat at the hands of the copper trust he would have accepted with a fairly good grace, but the mere thought that Murray O'Neill, whom he considered in every way his inferior, had gained the upper hand was intolerable. It was in keeping with Gordon's character that instead of blaming his own judgment he became furiously angry at the trust for the mistake of its engineers and held them responsible for his desperate situation. That he was truly desperate he very soon realized, since disaster to his railroad project meant that his stockholders would be around his ears like a swarm of hornets, and once they understood the true state of affairs at Hope the complete collapse of his fortunes would surely follow.

During the days succeeding the storm he scarcely knew where to turn, so harassed was he; yet he never for a moment wavered in his resolve to make O'Neill pay for his interference

tion of his name in quarters where he was not personally known gained him respect and attention, but he found himself working in the shadow of the copper trust, and its silent influence overcame his strongest arguments.

No one, it seemed, cared to risk even a semblance of rivalry with that monstrous aggregation of capital, for the interlarding of financial interests was amazingly intricate, and financiers were fearful of the least misstep. Everywhere O'Neill encountered the same disheartening timidity. His battle, it seemed, had been lost before it was begun.

Days passed in fruitless endeavors. Evenings found O'Neill in his corner of the hotel cafe racking his brain for some way out of his perplexities. Usually he was surrounded by friends, for he continued to entertain in the lavish fashion for which he had gained a reputation, but sometimes he was alone, and then his solitude became more oppressive than it had ever been even in the farthest wastes of the north-land. He was made to feel his responsibility with a dreadful keenness, and his associates were in a panic and bombarded him with daily inquiries, vexatious and hard to answer.

One evening as he ran through his mail he found a letter in a woman's handwriting and, glancing at the signature, started. It was signed "Gloria Gordon." Briefly it apprised him of her marriage and of her and Natalie's return to Hope. Gloria thanked him perfectly for his many kindnesses, but she neither expressed nor implied an invitation for him to visit them. He smiled a little grimly. Already her loyalty had veered to Gordon's side, and Natalie no doubt shared her feeling. Well, it was but natural perhaps.

He was aroused from his train of thought by a stranger whom he found standing beside his table and looking down at him with warring eyes.

"Miss O'Neill, ain't it?" the fellow inquired. "Sure! Thought I knew you. I'm Bulker of the old North pass. Remember me?"

Mr. Bulker had been imbibing freely. He showed evidences of a protracted spree not only in his speech, but in the trembling hand which he extended. His eyes were bloodshot, and his good natured face was purple.

O'Neill greeted him pleasantly, and, considering himself enthusiastically welcomed, the newcomer sat down suddenly as if some one had tripped him.

"Been washing you for ten minutes," "Washing me?"

"No, washing you. Couldn't make you out, eyesight's getting bad. Too many bright lights in this town. Hal Joke! Let's have a gill."

"Thank you, no."

"Must have a little dram for old time's sake. You're the only one of the North pass crowd I'll drink with."

Mr. Bulker gestured comprehensively at a group of waiters, and Murray yielded. "You were my friend, O'Neill. You always treated me right."

"What are you doing now?" asked O'Neill, with the interest he could not refuse to any one who had ever worked with him. He remembered the fellow perfectly. He had come on from the east as auditor and had appeared to be capable, although somewhat given to drink.

"I'm a broker. Wall street's my habit. Fine time to buy stocks, Miss O'Neill," Bulker assumed an expression of great wisdom. "Like to have a tip? No? Good! You're a wise man. They fired me from the North Pass. What'd you know about that? Fired me for drinking! Greatest injustice I ever heard of, but I'll run like a turkey. That wasn't the reason, they let me go, though. Not on your life."

He winked portentously and, strangely enough, his eyelid failed to resume its normal position. It continued to droop, giving the appearance of a waggish leer. "I knew too much! Isn't healthy to know too much, is it?"

"I've never had a chance to find out," smiled Murray.

"Oh, don't be an ingenuer, you saved more than anybody on the job. I'll admit I took a nip now and then, but I never got picked. Say! Who'd you s'pose I saw today? Old man Ellis!"

O'Neill became suddenly intent. He had been trying to get in touch with Poulter Hills for more than a fortnight, but his cables to London had brought no response.

"When did he arrive?"

"Just lately! He's a game old rooster, ain't he? Gee, he's sore!"

"Sore about what?"

Bulker winked again, with the same lack of muscular control.

"About that North Pass deal, of course. He was blackmailed out of a cold million. The agreement's about up now, and I figure he's over here to renew it."

"You're talking Greek," said O'Neill, but his eagerness was manifest.

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